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SUBJECT: CSCE: SOVIET COUNSELOR'S REMARKS ON FREER
MOVEMENT

1. AT JULY 25 LUNCH WITH EMBOFF, SOVIET POLITICAL
COUNSELOR COMMENTED ON FREER MOVEMENT ITEM IN CSCE. HE
NOTED THAT IT APPEARED TO THE EASTERN EUROPEANS THAT THE
REAL PRESSURE BEHIND THIS TOPIC ON THE WESTERN SIDE WAS
COMING FROM THE FRG, WHICH IS AIMING ITS EFFORT ENTIRELY
AT DEVELOPING CLOSER CONTACTS WITH THE GDR. WHEN EMBOFF
SAID MANY WESTERN COUNTRIES WERE INTENT ON HAVING FREER
MOVEMENT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, SOVIET SAID THEY WERE
INTERESTED ONLY FOR REASONS OF PRINCIPLE, BUT FRG HAD
VERY PRACTICAL GOALS.

2. SOVIET REP ADDED THAT SOVIETS FELT THE WEST GERMANS
WERE GENERALLY PUSHING THEIR OSTPOLITIK GOALS VERY
CLEVERLY IN THE EC CONTEXT AND IN MULTILATERAL EAST-WEST
TALKS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE INTEGRATIONIST
AND DETENTE PRESSURES RESPECTIVELY IN ORDER TO PROMOTE
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THEIR OWN NATIONALIST GOALS.

3. SOVIET REP STATED THAT HIS EMBASSY IN BONN HAD PROPOSED TO MOSCOW THAT IF WESTERN SIDE CONTINUED TO PRESS HARD ON THE FREER MOVEMENT ITEM IN THE CSCE, THE EASTERN SIDE SHOULD AGREE BUT MAKE THEIR AGREEMENT CONDITIONAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ON THE WESTERN COUNTRIES' RESPECT FOR RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. HE NOTED THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE FRG SINCE IT WOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE CONCEPT OF GDR CITIZENS (I.E., RATHER THAN GERMAN CITIZENS). HE SAID HE WAS UNSURE HOW THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE GREETED BY HIS AUTHORITIES.

4. SOVIET REP CONCLUDED DISCUSSION OF CSCE BY ASKING HOW QUICKLY THE SECOND PHASE WOULD BE COMPLETED. HE NOTED THAT SOVIET SIDE WANTED TO HAVE IT OVER WITH QUICKLY. EMBOFF SAID SPEED WOULD DEPEND ON HOW QUICKLY THE COMMISSIONS GOT DOWN TO WORK AND HOW QUICKLY THEY COULD PRODUCE SATISFACTORY RESULTS. SOVIET TOOK NOTE OF THIS RUEFULLY.
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